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ManneqArt Exhibit



ManneqART's sixth season is well underway and the public will have a chance to see a variety of sculptural artworks now through October 12 in Gallery 1 of the Howard County Arts Council's

Center for the Arts. The exhibit will feature 20 old and new entries for the annual ManneqART Competition highlighted by special lighting effects and music created especially for this event.

Artworks are made of non-traditional materials such as wood, metal, glass, recycled plastic and fibers of all kinds. The artworks must be able to be modeled on the human form. Artworks are created by sculptural artist from around the nation. ManneqART is one of the only organizations in the world that encourages, supports, promotes, and rewards the thematic creation of this type of sculpture.

Admission for the exhibit is free and the public is invited from 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Monday through Friday; 10:00 am - 4:00 p.m. on Saturday; and 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. on Sunday.

A special reception will be held on September 14 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in conjunction with the Howard County Arts Council's Annual Meeting and Grant Awards Ceremony. The public is invited to attend, to visit the Galleries, and to visit resident artist studios.



Greetings

I hope everyone had a great first week back to school. Even though summer break is over, there is still so much fun to be had around town. Enjoy!

Maury Kay

Color Columbia + HoCoPoLitSo

More than 40 professional artists will set up their easels outdoors and work in plein air at locations around the Downtown Columbia Lakefront and Wilde Lake, capturing the areas' natural beauty and wildlife. Watch as they bring their visions to life on Saturday, September 8, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

HoCoPoLitSo will be sharing poems at the Color Columbia event to celebrate the beautiful Lake Kittamaqundi and the artists who will be painting it! Stop by the main stage from 1:45 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. to hear young poets recite some poetry about nature and landscape!

Bring your family and friends from 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. and have fun painting outdoor landscape and water scenes of Lake Kittamaqundi! All supplies provided. Light instruction available! Enjoy music provided by a DJ and pop-up poetry readings provided by HoCoPoLitSo!

For more information, please call 410-730-0075 or email art.staff@columbiaassociation.org.

Hear My Voice

The 16th annual Hear My Voice Teen Day and Columbia Teen Idol competition is just around the corner. Are you the next Columbia Teen Idol?

Audition will be held on:

Wednesday, September 12, 6:30 p.m.

The Barn, 5853 Robert Oliver Place

Wednesday, September 19, 6:30 p.m.

The Barn, 5853 Robert Oliver Place

Wednesday, September 26, 6:30 p.m.

The Barn, 5853 Robert Oliver Place

Thursday, September 27, 7:00 p.m.

Lord & Taylor, The Mall in Columbia



Top performers will advance to the semifinals, date TBD. The finale will be held on Sunday, October 14 at 3:00 p.m. at the Downtown Columbia Lakefront. The competition is open to Howard County performers from 6-12 grade. No music is necessary for the auditions. Explicit lyrics are not allowed. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

Recycling Tip

Did you know that empty aerosol cans are recyclable? Remember to put those cans from your kitchen, bathroom, bedrooms and garage in your blue bin. As long as they're empty, they're good to go for recycling. Learn more recycling tips by following this [link](#).

Bag-It Days

From September 15 through 22, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Alpha Ridge Landfill is offering self-serve and bring your own shovel "Bag-It" days for compost, mulch and topsoil. Bring your own bag and fill up on all your gardening needs for \$1 per bag. For more information, visit this [website](#).

Through Another Lens

This exhibit features evocative photographic portraiture by Linda Bunk and Mead Notkin at the Howard County Center for the Arts from now until October 12.

There will be a free reception on September 14, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. to kick off the annual Road to the Arts weekend. The evening will also include HCAC's Annual Meeting & Grant Awards Ceremony, as well Resident Artist Open Studios from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. For more information, visit HCAC's [website](#).

HopeWorks' Training

HopeWorks is holding a two-day training workshop this weekend designed for potential volunteers and interested community members to learn about domestic violence, dating violence and sexual violence. Those interested should visit [HopeWorks' website](#) for more information.

Police Pace

The Howard County Police Department will host its annual "Police Pace" 5K fundraiser on September 9 at Centennial Park and will donate the proceeds to a number of charitable initiatives. Proceeds from the event will benefit families of officers killed or injured in the line of duty. The Police Foundation also sponsors educational scholarships and awards and offers support services to police department members and their families.

The family-friendly event will include displays of Howard County's police equipment, patrol cars, motorcycles, K9s, and the Volunteer Mounted Patrol. There will be face painting, balloons and other activities for kids. For more information and to register, visit policepace.com or contact 410-313-3200.

Musical Outreach for Seniors

The Fabulous 50+ Players will once again present a musical outreach program at senior centers and assisted living residences throughout Howard County during November and December. This season's performances will include a holiday show and a one-hour tribute to Irving Berlin and Leonard Bernstein (dates TBD).

Auditions will be held Monday, September 17 & Monday, September 24 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Howard County Center for the Arts (HCCA). Performers should come prepared to sing a song they know and are encouraged to bring accompaniment if available. Rehearsals will take place at HCCA on Monday evenings from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m., from September 17 through December 10, under the direction of Music Director Phyllis Stanley.

The Fabulous 50+ Players performance troupe is open to anyone 50 years or older who wants to work hard, have fun, and enjoy the gratification of being involved in a production with this unique group. The group represents a wide range of experience—from novice to professional actors, singers, and dancers. Please visit hocoarts.org or call 410-313-2787 for more information.

Living Well

[Living Well](#) is a six-week workshop for those living with or at risk for chronic conditions such as heart disease, diabetes, cancer, depression, arthritis, lung disease and other long-lasting health concerns. The workshop presents techniques to cope with frustration, fatigue, pain and isolation, skills to communicate more effectively about health concerns as well as exercises and healthy eating habits to maintain and improve well-being.

Thursdays, September 20 to October 25, 1:30 - 4:00 p.m. or 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Fridays, September 21 to October 26, 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Stream Restoration Info Sessions

Residents are invited to learn more about a large stream restoration project scheduled for the next few years in the villages of Harper's Choice, Town Center and Wilde Lake. For more information, please email Watershed Stewards Academy Program Coordinator Terry Matthews at trmatt@umd.edu.

All meetings will start promptly at 7:00 p.m. The meeting schedule is:



Wilde Lake: Thursday, September 13
Slayton House, 10400 Cross Fox Lane
Harper's Choice: Monday, September 17
Kahler Hall, 5440 Old Tucker Row
Town Center: Thursday, September 20
Historic Oakland, 5430 Vantage Point Road

The Walters Gala & Party

You won't want to miss this memorable event on Saturday, October 13. Unlike any other event in Baltimore, this gala provides major funding for the Walters' innovative education and exhibition programming and supports free admission for all. Every year, the Walters benefits over 148,000 people, including over 75,000 visitors who participate in education programs and 38,000 PreK-12 students and teachers. The Gala provides vital unrestricted support that is more important now than ever before to ensure all people can connect with art, the humanities, and with each other. Last year's event sold out so get your [tickets](#) early!

Mini Maker Faire



Maker Faire is a gathering of fascinating, curious people who enjoy learning and who love sharing what they can do. From engineers to artists to scientists to crafters, Maker Faire is a venue for these "makers" to show hobbies, experiments, projects. Young creators will make their mark on October 7 at the Chrysalis in Symphony

Woods. If you know any young ones who are interested in participating in this faire, visit this [website](#) and fill out an application!

Columbia BikeAbout

Columbia Association's annual BikeAbout will be on Saturday, September 29, with riders setting off at Oakland Mills Village Center. The free, fun and informative tour presents Columbia's history and showcases the connectivity of its pathway system. [Preregistration](#) is not required but is encouraged. The BikeAbout will begin at 9:30 a.m., with riders able to start up until 10:00 a.m. They are expected to complete the ride by 1:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events & Reminders

Grandparents' Day

Sunday, September 9 • 12:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Robinson Nature Center

Celebrate [Grandparents Day](#) with full-dome movies in our planetarium, roving animal presentations, outdoor walks and educational activities throughout the exhibits. Complimentary admission for one grandchild per one paid admission for a grandparent. Activities are included with admission.

6th Annual Wilde Lake Family Picnic

Saturday, September 15 • 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Wilde Lake Park, Hyla Brook Road

All are invited to join in with neighbors, friends, and family for this fun-filled event featuring free activities including a moon bounce, children's crafts, corn hole, and a watermelon eating contest.

Community Forum on Opioid Health Crisis

October 24 • 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Slayton House

The Wilde Lake Community Association Health & Wealth Committee will present a panel of experts to discuss how the opioid health crisis is impacting our community. The panel presentation will be followed by Q&A. [Registration](#) is encouraged but not required. Questions? Contact Laura Torres at lmt4941@yahoo.com.

Dollars for Diapers Fundraiser

The Diaper Project is holding a [Dollars for Diapers](#) fundraiser throughout the month of September to provide free diapers and baby wipes to families in need. For tens of thousands of Howard County residents who struggle to pay for food, rent, utilities, a monthly expense of \$50-\$80 for diapers and wipes is completely out of reach.



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